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## Some Welcome Backing

A Congressional move to amend the U. S. Constitution to permit non-sectarian prayers in public places and to protect references to the Divine Being in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and on United States Currency has received welcome support on the California political front.

Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel and his colleague from Glendale, Assemblyman Howard J. Thelin, have moved to give official California backing to Congressman Frank Becker's efforts to move such an amendment through Congress.

Closer to home, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have adopted an order supporting the Chapel-Thelin resolution, and Supervisor Warren Dorn spoke strongly in favor of the resolution, pointing out that the amendment suggested by Congressman Becker would serve "to deny the atheistic and materialistic concepts of communism with its attendant subservience of the individual."

Congressman Becker, who represents Nassau County, New York, in Washington, recently explained fully his views on the need for such an amendment during one of his frequent trips to Torrance to visit his daughter and family.

"I believe children should have the right to pray in the schools and to hear readings from the Scriptures, as they have had that right for years," Congressman Becker told The HERALD.

After waiting 18 months for committee action on the resolution, the New York Congressman filed a discharge petition and now seeks to gain the 218 signatures of Congressmen needed to bring the resolution to the floor of the House.

Actions of Californians such as the Board of Supervisors and of Assemblymen Chapel and Thelin could do much to force a Congressional consideration of this worthy amendment.

The Assemblymen and the Supervisors deserve the commendation of all persons who still believe the Creator deserves some official credit in public places.

## Opinions of Others

Congress may not have fattened the law books much in its last session, but it did chop billions of dollars from spending requests—to the tune of about \$139 per family . . . But one of the biggest of the Congressional triumphs for economy may turn out to be a somewhat hollow victory. True, only . . . \$3 billion was appropriated for foreign aid, instead of the \$4.5 billion requested. But foreign aid officials are cheerful, because they now report they have \$670 million on hand, appropriated in earlier years, and available to be spent lent, given away or wasted in the usual fashion. —*Quakertown (Pa.) Free Press*

Governor Romney voiced the fears of many . . . when he termed the nationwide contract between the Teamsters Union and the trucking industry "an excessive concentration of power." And he is precisely right. The contract involves some 400,000 men in 400 locals, working for about 1,000 companies. These figures alone are potent, covering as they do the major firms in the trucking business . . . If there is an avowed determination on the part of teamsters not to use the power which the pact gives them, why was there such a dither to get it? —*Port Huron (Mich.) Times Herald*

If the trend toward nationwide contracts in industries that vitally affect the economy continues, it may well be necessary to explore the feasibility of the application of antitrust laws to union monopolies. The monopoly control of a service can be serious as the monopoly control of a product. —*Portland (Ore.) Journal*

## STAN DELAPLANE

# Some Tips for Budget Watchers

"Please recommend a couple of London hotels in the \$5-a-day bracket . . ."

There are several around Queensgate . . . the names I don't recall but British Travel and Holidays, 64 St. James' Street, London, S.W. 1 would have the listings.

These are small family hotels, full of retired civil servants from the good old Empire days . . . pretty much like what we call a "guest house" now and what grandma called a boarding house. Not much "hotel" service.

The days of \$5 hotels seems to have gone. I send my friends to the Washington or Green Park where the tab runs about \$8 to \$10.

"Our college (freshman) daughter wants to go to Europe this summer. We would like to send her with some assurance she is with a good group . . ."

I am sold on the American Youth Hostel trips . . . write for folder to 14 West 8th St., New York City. They look the least expensive, small groups, good leaders . . . and a lot of train plus bike travel.

They also have some excel-

lent group trips of this kind in the U.S. No age limit but you've got to be able to peddle that bicycle part of the way. The folder for both U.S. and Europe is called "1964 Highroad to Adventure the Hostel Way." It's free.

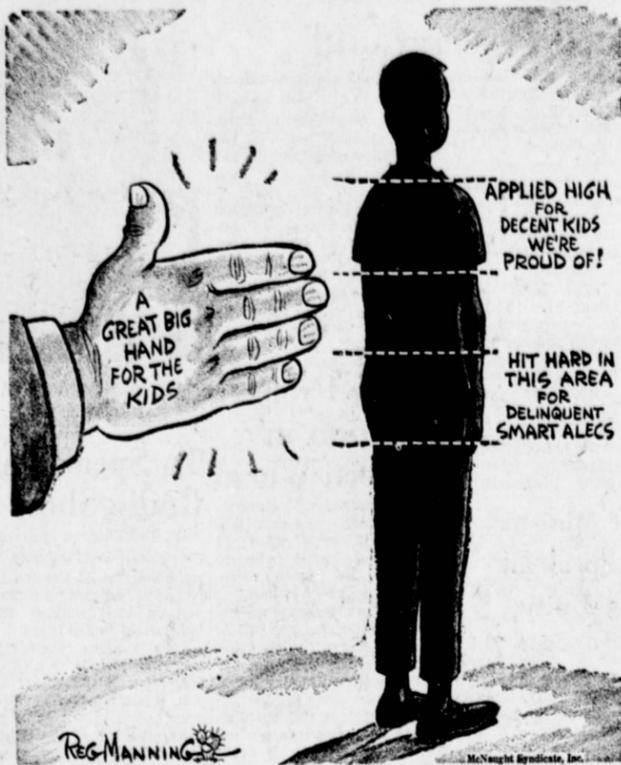
"My husband and I are both in good health and would like to travel in Europe by bicycle. Can you rent these? How much? Is this a workable idea?"

You can rent bikes all over Europe at very cheap prices . . . 25 cents a day in Ireland . . . a price I remember. American Youth Hostels (above) can give you best information on how much and where. So will any tourist office in the European countries.

About its being a good idea . . . I think it's worth trying for it surely is a cheap way to move around. You can put bikes on trains for long hauls. Carry Navy-type rain gear. I have seen some soaking people on bikes in Europe.

I rented a bike a few years ago in Normandy and found out two things: First, it is true (as they say) that you never forget how to ride a bike. Second, the hills have

## Anatomy Of Back-Patting For Teenagers



## Out of the Past

From the Pages of the HERALD

### 50 Years Ago

Explaining why Torrance was located where it is, an article in The HERALD for Feb. 27, 1914, told residents Torrance was the outgrowth of the "actual need of an industrial center for Southern California." The same article also explained the city was ideally located between Los Angeles and the San Pedro harbor.

Union Tool Co., now National Supply division of Arco Steel, was working day and night to fill an order for export to Japan. The state has licensed 48,351 automobiles and issued 56,060 drivers licenses.

### 40 Years Ago

New oil wells were being brought in daily with excellent production, according to The HERALD editions of Feb. 29, 1924. Most of the wells were producing between 700 and 1,000 barrels daily, and one well reportedly brought 1,500 barrels daily.

Contributions for Torrance Memorial Hospital were increasing and the Board of Directors announced plans to consult an architect to design the hospital. Mrs. J. S. Torrance, George W. Neill, and Dr. J. S. Lancaster were named to the hospital committee.

### 30 Years Ago

City councilmen adopted an ordinance to control rabies as an emergency measure. The same council also voted to put a measure before the voters to establish a civil service system in the

city's police and fire departments, according to The HERALD for March 1, 1934. Voter registration for the 1934 city election was closed, and 3,500 had registered. Democrats outnumbered Republicans better than 4 to 1. Torrance's track team defeated Gardena as the new season opened. The Tartars piled up 67 points while Gardena managed 43.

### 20 Years Ago

Torrance industries continued to work, despite a four-day storm which raked the city, uprooted trees, and blew down power lines, according to files from Feb. 24, 1944. More than \$1,094,000 in war bonds had been sold or credited to Torrance. The city's quota in the drive had been \$650,000.

Members of First Methodist Church raised the money and paid off the mortgage on the church. The event was marked with a big celebration which was highlighted when the pastor burned the mortgage.

### 10 Years Ago

Investigations into drainage problems were ordered by the city council after homeowners complained of heavy damage from rains. The HERALD for Feb. 25, 1954, also reported the mercury hit 92 degrees.

Seven candidates had entered the race for seats on the city council, and more were expected to file before the March 4 deadline. Plans were announced to widen Hawthorne Avenue to a four-lane, divided highway. In sports, the Tartars fin-

ished fourth in the league in basketball, but the THS runners opened their season with a smashing 74-30 victory over Lynwood.

## From the Mailbox

Editor, Torrance Herald,

The "Penny for your Thoughts" column in today's HERALD was a real shocker. One cannot help wondering if these statements there quoted are indeed indicative of the thinking of the average person in our country. In the interest of objectivity, it is to be hoped that you will print the viewpoint of one citizen of a different persuasion. Whereas it would seem that the answers of these ladies to your question might be based on wishful thinking, the following thoughts are the result of years of considered study.

Should Red China be admitted to the UN? Not if the Charter of the UN is valid. Chapter 11, Article 4, Section 1 states: "Membership in the UN is open to all other peace-loving states" . . . surely no one today believes that China's regime fits that description?

Should we recognize Red China? My answer is YES . . . we should recognize it as a country which has administrators who have been responsible for murdering more humans than Hitler . . . we should recognize it as a country whose leaders plan for our destruction . . . and whose barbarous techniques for liquidation of opposition are as revolting as any history has known. We should recognize it for what it is, and treat it as the enemy it is.

To return to the column . . . "The underlying cause of all the tension is fear." Fear is a symptom, not the cause. The cause is the existence of an enemy to our way of life, whose overt, avowed aim is the destruction of freedom all over the world. This enemy has made no secret of his intentions, his methods are known, and yet effective opposition is practically zero. We allow his agents to teach our children; to use tax-supported institutions to make speeches to our citizens; to work in government agencies; to come into our homes through radio and television;

"We would like to stay at some quiet resort in the Caribbean where they speak English. But we don't want the crowded places and we do like comfort."

The whole chain of Windward and Leeward Islands. Remote and some development in hotels. Antigua and St. Lucia are English-speaking although all these islands have a patois.

Newest and most modern place is at Little Dix Bay on Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands. Surely away from it all — you fly from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Beef Island in the British Virgins (40 minutes) and then by boat to Little Dix Bay. I don't have prices on this. But you get a folder by writing Little Dix Bay, Room 5425, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. Probably has low summer season rates. All the Caribbean does.

## ROYCE BRIER

# Meeting of East and West Cultures Planned in Japan

Around 200 B.C. a sculptor was hacking at a block of marble on the island of Milos in the Aegean. It became a buxom Aphrodite, or Venus, draped from the waist down.

At this time aborigines from Siberia were forming in the Japanese archipelago what anthropologists call the Yayoi culture. It was hardly foreseen that in time would arise in the islands a great people with a unique civilization.

Nor was it foreseen that in time the Greek Venus would have a room all to herself in Paris. More beautiful goddesses have been found, for example the Cyrene Venus now in Rome, but the Venus de Milo has the fame. She was found in a cave by a peasant in 1820. Now she will take her first journey out of Europe since the discovery, a voyage to Tokyo and Kyoto, where she will go on display in April.

It will be interesting to learn what the Japanese think of her. Will they, as do some of us before Milo or the Winged Victory, wonder what the sculptor had that we do not have? Perhaps not. Spengler believed art emerges from the soul of a civilization, and cannot be understood by another civilization.

In the Western, we also have a unique civilization, but it is in effect a child of the Greek, while the Japan-

ese are as far from the Greeks as people can be and remain on the planet. But this is an age of experiment in the universal past of man and here we have another contrast in time.

Just 400 years ago, when he was about to die, Michelangelo was still working on Pieta, a heroic marble of the dead Jesus in the arms of Mary. At the moment the Spanish were in the south, but North America was a wilderness inhabited by savages.

No more than the aboriginal Japanese, did Western people foresee a great civilized people in North America. Civilized enough, shall we say, to bring Pieta to the New York World's Fair. Thousands of Americans have al-

ready seen it in its place, St. Peter's Basilica.

So most of us will have no trouble interpreting Pieta. It is the Greek genius, brought down almost to our time, for chiseling immense and moving ideas in marble.

But perhaps it was rarer in Western man than in the Greeks, for Michelangelo was one of the few who strove for, and achieved, immensity. Now this power seems as lost to us as the smoke of an ancient fire. We contrive rockets to hurl into space, and automobiles with an elegant gleam and outlandish design, and colossal metal and stone boxes to house our multifarious affairs. These we now use, in place of the other, to take our breath away with eternal wonder.

## Our Man Hoppe

# Can You Match This Economy?

—Art Hoppe

Howdy there, friends. How y'all tonight? Welcome to "Just Plain Folks," the rib-ticklin' tee-vee adventures of the rootin'-tootin' Jay family—starring ol' Elbie Jay, the friendliest wrangler ever to wrangle his way out of Texas.

As you recollect, ol' Elbie, his pretty wife, Birdie Bird, and their two cute tads, L'il Bird and Bye-bye Bird, have moved into this fancy white house back East. As we join up with ol' Elbie, he and his faithful sidekick, Sancho Pierre, are in the Oval Room. And, as you can see, it's right dark in there this evening.

Elbie: Now just wait, Pierre, till I hitch my chair up to this here desk. There now, you can light the match.

Pierre: Couldn't I turn on the lamp, Chief? Just for a minute?

Elbie: Now I ask you, son. How's it going to be if some sneaky, snoopin' reporter (and I love them all) peers in the window and catches us using up expensive electricity like it was going out of style?

Pierre: Well, I suppose it wouldn't help your image of economy and frugality.

Elbie: Right. That's what I keep tellin' Birdie Bird, when she gets fancy and wants to eat by candlelight.

Pierre: What's wrong with eating by candlelight?

Elbie: What's wrong with eating in the dark? Economy, son, economy. Now light the match and hand me that there bill I got to sign. What's it for?

Pierre (lighting match): Let's see. Oh, it's that \$50 billion defense appropriation.

Elbie: Fine. There. They don't call me the fastest ball point west of the Pecos for nothing. Now, no sense wasting that match. While you got it lit, get me somebody on the telephone to howdy with. How about that camel driver in Pakistan? Wait. First get me Senator Russell down in Georgia. I want to tell him how I saved another \$3.42 this month on electricity.

Pierre: I forgot, Chief. You've got one more bill here.

Elbie: What's it for?

Pierre: It's for \$167,342.23. From the Telephone Company.

Elbie: Well, pay it out of that coffee can labeled "Pin Money for Cheering Up Old Friends."

Pierre (as match burns fingers): Ouch! Chief, do you really think economizing is worth the effort?

Elbie: Pierre, son, economy is a wondrous thing. Last month, I saved \$4.32 on electricity. Them fine gentlemen on Capitol Hill was mighty impressed by what a careful, frugal, trustworthy man I obviously am. So, because I saved \$4.32, they are now about to cut the taxes \$11 billion. Isn't that wondrous? And now you make sure our reporter friends get a copy of that there bill.

Pierre: The telephone bill?

Elbie: The electricity bill, you cottonhead! Sometimes, son, I don't think you know a thing about economy in government.

Can Elbie Keep Up His Lonely Battle to Save Money? No Matter What the Cost? Tune in next time, folks. And meanwhile, as you go down the byways of life, remember what Elbie's ol' granddaddy used to say: "Take care of the pennies loud enough and the dollar 'll take care of you."

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## Strength for These Days (From The Bible)

Let us press on unto perfection.—(Heb. 6:1).

Through the power of the indwelling Christ we can attain a perfection—physically and mentally — that would otherwise be well beyond reach. But we must give that power full reign and acceptance.

## Morning Report:

There's just no stopping that Supreme Court. The Justices are determined to force democracy on us no matter how much we fight and scream.

In their latest decision, they ordered that there be at least rough equality between the number of people each representative represents.

Of course it's pretty easy for Supreme Court Justices to come out in favor of democracy since they get their life jobs in a very un-democratic way—by appointment. But pity those poor Congressmen who will now have to campaign every two years in a big, new and maybe unfriendly district. But equal and legal as all get out.

—Abe Mellinkoff